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## FINALS WEEK BEGINS THURSDAY JAN. 13, ALL CLASSES STOPPED

### GRIND

### Registration Set For January 24

Salinas Junior College students will be thrust into the throes of final examinations, beginning on Thursday, January 13, and extending through Friday, January 21. During "finals week" all regular classes will be suspended in favor of finals, three-hour affairs, which will be held strictly according to the official finals schedule (See below). No student may receive a passing grade in any course if he fails to take the final exam slated by his instructor.

Second semester registration is set for Monday, January 24. At this time, all old students—Freshmen and Sophomores—will sign up for classes which will get under way on Tuesday, January 25. Students are urged to help expedite registration procedure by acquainting themselves with the schedules of classes, available at

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### PIE SALE

### RAINBOW PIE SALE SET FOR TUESDAY IN DEAN'S OFFICE

Plans have been completed for the Rainbow Girls' pie sale which will take place next Tuesday, January 11. The pies will be sold in the dean of students' office next to the administration office, during the lunch hour and also from two to three in the afternoon. Lois Gunnell, president of the club is in charge of the sale. The pies will sell for 10 cents per cut, or 60 cents for a whole pie.

## NEW COURSES TO BE ADDED TO J.C. CURRICULUM NEXT TERM PLANNED FOR WAR EFFORT

A number of new courses will be added to S.J.C.'s curriculum for the spring semester.

Many of these will pertain to the war effort and

### NEXT TERM SCHEDULES AVAILABLE

New schedules of classes for the 1944 spring semester here is now completed and will be distributed from the window of the main office on the morning of Monday, January 10. All students must obtain a copy in order to plan their second semester courses. They are requested to check carefully against possible conflict in class times, and to report such complications before January 14. Subjects marked with an asterisk on the new schedules are those open to all new students.

Some of these courses are Meteorology, Sculpture, Astronomy, Botany, Radio, and new full Commercial course, plus regular activities in English, History, Home Economics, Math, etc.

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students planning on war jobs upon graduation or those expecting induction into the service soon will find the courses a great aid to them.

Mr. Amyx will instruct in a course of Meteorology or Aviation II; Mrs. Hope Baxter, Family Relations; Mr. Clarke, Chemistry 8 and 9; Dr. Gardner, Trigonometry (Math C); Mr. McCann, Piano Quartet; and Mr. Peavy, Duplication Machines.

Aviation II consists of a study of weather elements, temperature pressure, wind, climate, weather maps, weather elements of aviation, and the various weather instruments. The three-unit semester course will be opened to all students interested and will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at three o'clock.

Family Relations will deal with marriage, child development, problems after marriage, such as, finances, pitfalls and causes of unsuccessful marriages. Facts and statistics have proved that young men and women finding their

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It is New Year's Eve. The dying breath of the old becomes the lusty squawlings of the new. It is twelve o'clock, midnight, the sharp line in infinity between December 31, 1943, and January 1, 1944, and behind the ramparts of America's monumental safety, the civilian population blows its horns, rings its bells, and downs its beverages as usual. "Happy New Year!" is the shout, and glasses are raised high and confetti and serpentine fly vigorously. A happy new year, indeed!

In the South Pacific, American fighting men push their bloody way into new positions, moving ahead another pace on the long trail toward Japan's funeral as a world power.

In Italy, they are also pushing on, and the people in the country through which they pass show them a practical application of the phrase. Ahead are more people, waiting.

In the Aleutians and Iceland, the men stand guard, thinking of a Happy New Year as bringing a return to security and warm homes.

In England and Ireland our men say "Happy New Year," but

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### Prom

## WINTER BALL IS NOT SUCCESS FINANCIALLY

While not a howling financial success, the annual Winter Ball, held December 18, was a much-enjoyed affair by those in attendance.

Many Jayseers, plus several from S.U.H.S., and a trio of faculty twosomes as patrons and patronesses, swung and swayed to the outpourings of a section of a Fort Ord artillery band.

The grand march, one of the high spots of the evening, was led by Lloyd Wesley, A.S. pres-

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## FINALS SCHEDULE

	Thursday Jan. 13	Friday Jan. 14	Monday Jan. 17	Tuesday Jan. 18	Wednesday Jan. 19	Thursday Jan. 20	Friday Jan. 21
9:00 A.M.	Daily 9 And MWF 9	Daily 10 And MWF 10	Daily 11 And MWF 11	Daily 1 And MWF 1	Daily 2 And MWF 2	Daily 3 And MWF 3	Daily 12 And MWF 12
1:00 P.M.	TTh 9	TTh 10	TTh 11	TTh 1	TTh 2	TTh 3	TTh 12

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# S.J.C. G.I.

The Salinas J.C. Panther Sentinel is making itself known in all parts of the globe—indicated by word received from Captain Ralph W. Towne.

"I have given you my father's address, as I have been overseas for the last 17 months. He sends the J.C. paper to me, as soon as he gets it. I really get a big kick out of reading the activities at the old school. Hope to come back to the States one of these days and visit Salinas J.C."

"Give my regards to Mr. Lemos. Perhaps he remembers me from the class of '41. I am now a flight leader in a bomber squadron in New Guinea."

"Sincerely,"

RALPH W. TOWNE  
Capt., A.C.

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Captain William Lake was a visitor seen this week on the Salinas Junior College campus. Captain Lake has spent 17 months in New Guinea. After completing 50 bombing missions in the South Pacific, he has been sent home on a 20-day furlough, and will be assigned as an instructor at some air field in the U.S.A. While in New Guinea, Captain Lake was in the same squadron with Captain Ralph Towne, who will be home in two weeks. Lake comes from Gilroy and was enrolled at S.J.C. in '41.

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A recent letter received from "Skip" Barstad, tells that he was formerly a "boot" ensign at Corpus Christi, Texas, but has been promoted recently to the rank of lieutenant, junior grade.

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Friends of Jimmy Ring will be glad to know that he is convalescing, at an army hospital

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## DECORATIONS

### Play Scenes Made by S.J.C. Students

Perhaps known to only a few is the fact that a number of S.J.C. students was responsible for the designing, making, and painting of the stage settings and various properties used in the recent J.C. production of the play, "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

Barbara Bushnell was the chief designer of the stage set and was capably assisted by Barbara Dunn, Mary Fitzbuck, Jacque Mack, Nadean Hicks, Mina Hicks, Sybil Wells, Nadine Snider and Lloyd Wesley.

The cockroach city was designed and made by Barbara Bushnell, Barbara Dunn, and Jacque Mack. Designs on the mummy case was also done by Misses Bushnell and Fitzbuck. The steps were painted by Sybil Wells and others assisted in painting scenery also.

No previous thanks has been given to these students, and Mr. Amyx, instructor of the Art department, extends his appreciation to them for their fine work.

### Kay Carlsen On Vacation

Kay Carlsen, office clerk at Salinas Junior College, is taking a two-week vacation now instead of during the summer.

She is vacationing at Denver, Colorado, where she is visiting with friends.

somewhere in California, from serious injuries received on a mission in Australia.

While at Salinas Junior College, he was a noted Panther track star, and won the turkey run two consecutive years.

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Art Gandy, RT3/c, has completed a course at the naval radio school in Chicago and has been transferred to the Treasure Island Training Station for advanced training.

While in Chicago he led the armory band in a Navy Day parade. While at Salinas J.C., Art led the J.C. band.

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Former Esjayseers Dick Bryan, Jack Condon, Graydon Snider, Howard Verutti, were visiting their homes in Salinas, Monterey, and Hollister during the Christmas holidays. All of them are in the naval V-12 training at Austin, Texas.

## AWARDS

### J.C. STUDENTS TAKE TEST; AWARDS GIVEN

The Gregg Writer test given to all typing students during the past semester is a test for speed and accuracy. It is a 10-minute timed writing test given by Mr. Claud Addison, Commerce Typing instructor. The names and speed in writing of all the students who pass this test are sent to the Gregg Writer in New York. Certificates with name and speed are then returned and given to the students.

Students who won typing awards for November with a speed of over 35 words and five errors or less were: Elaine Coroniotis, with the highest speed of 60 words a minute; Anita Vosti, Carmen Padilla, Isabelle Elkins, Kathryn Gfroerer, Carroll Griswold, June Sanders, and Dorothy Black. All typing students have an opportunity to receive a typing certificate during the time they are in the typing course.

## MEETINGS

### All Meetings Out Till After Finals

President John Lemos today announced that there will be no more assemblies or official junior college club meetings for the remainder of the semester. All classes terminate on Wednesday, January 12, with first semester final examinations beginning on the following day.

Student body meetings, assemblies and various jaysee club functions will take place on alternate weeks in similar fashion to the successful method used for the first time during the fall semester.

## FINALS...

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the office of the administration on Monday, January 10.

New incoming Freshmen, who will graduate from high school on or around January 28, will register at the junior college on Monday, January 31. A variety of new and old courses will provide the students with ample choice of classes for the spring semester.

## ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

Last year, two weeks before Christmas vacation, a special booth was set up in the main hall in the office formerly used for the dean of men at S.J.C. Every Monday and Thursday were designated as Victory Days and the sale of bonds and stamps was carried on under the sponsorship of the student store and clubs and organizations of the junior college.

A Christmas program was presented by Miss Fraser's dramatic art classes and Miss Lowe's choral classes in the Little Theatre. A Christmas play, "In the Light of the Star," was presented with a choral background presented by the carolers led by Miss Lowe.

Lieutenant Commander H. F. Taggart, U.S.N.R., visited Salinas Junior College the week of January 9, last year, to enlist in the navy's V-1 accredited college officer training program those young men between the ages of 17 and 18 who were high school seniors, or high school graduates who had been accepted or college freshmen who were attending an accredited college.

Three classes of radio mechanics learners entered last year for the three months' training program which was offered at S.J.C. About 40 men were here for the course which is part of the training given them by the United States Army Signal Corps.

### CECE CONRADO RETURNS IN NEW ROLE

W.R. Marine Sergeant Cecilia Conrado, former active Jayseer, who was last year's La Retata editor, Panther assistant editor, and commissioner of publications, returns to her former haunts next Tuesday, January 18, in a far different role—that of recruiting girls for the Women's Marine Corps.

She will be in the Little Theater at eleven o'clock Tuesday morning.

### Simple Deductions

A piece of meat is a ham. A ham is an actor. An actor makes a conceited picture. A conceited pitcher is a handsome baseball player. Handsome baseball players are a great rarity. Therefore a piece of meat is a great rarity.

He—I wish I had gone to college.

She—What stopped you?

He—High school.

—San Matean



## SHORT OF THE WEEK

"September 10, 1943, Dear Mom," the letter began. "I haven't much time to write. They don't give you much leisure here, but after a while you get used to it. There is so much to do, so many wonderful things to get accustomed to, so many interesting people to meet in the course of every day, that I guess you get to like it after a while. I know that I do at least.

"I'm not allowed to tell you anything about what this place is like, mighty little mail ever gets out of this place and what small amount does is pretty heavily censored, let me tell you. I had to pull a good many wires to get this one out, and I hope you appreciate it fully. I think maybe you will later on, I don't know.

"I just want you to know that no matter what happens I will always love you. I don't believe that any mother has done more to deserve her son's love and admiration. I'm not very adept at putting my feelings into words, but I think you can see what I'm aiming at.

"Maybe you haven't heard about my little head wound, but at any rate it's all healed up, now. So no matter what you may hear, just remember that I'm better than I ever was, and that I love you more than ever.

"Give my regards to Sis and Dad and tell them I'll write them later, if I can.

"With all my love,"

SON

His mother's hand shook just a bit as she folded the letter and put it away into a pigeon hole of her writing desk. She went about her household routines with a lighter heart that afternoon.

The next day another letter came, this time from her son's buddy, a neighborhood boy who had grown up with him and had been with him since they had been taken into the service. He was a rollicking boy, with a crisp, curly head of blond hair, devilish blue eyes, and an infectious smile. His mother had died when he was very young, and so he had adopted her as his second mother, and made much of a standing joke about being her second son.

"Dear Mother," this letter, too, began, "I don't quite know how to tell you this, but I would rather be the one to break it to you, than let the War Depart-

ment take its blunt course of action in these matters.

"I'm afraid that I'm your only son now. The other was taken as we stormed a beach-head, where, I cannot say here. A bullet in the right temple, instant, painless. It was just eight days ago—August 23.

"I'm afraid all his things which I was saving to send back to you were destroyed yesterday (along with most of my own), when a bomb blew our tent to smithereens. He was buried with the rest of them in a long grave along the top fringe of the beach, just where the palm trees begin.

"I can't write more, but I wanted to be the one to tell you. You know what my feelings are without my saying.

"All my love,"

SON

Before the tears could come, a question sprang into her mind. This letter was dated August 31. The one from her son had been dated August 30. Yet he had died on the 23rd! Or HAD it been dated August 30. She reached into the pigeon hole. It was empty.

The urge for tears vanished. She even smiled a little as she folded the letter and put it into the desk. Faith is a great thing, and there are some things better left uninvestigated.

## ... And There Were Four Men

A Christmas party occupied the members of the Newman Club at their last meeting on Thursday, December 16. Attendance at the meeting was quite good, and there were also four men.

The meeting opened with the singing of traditional Christmas carols, accompanied on the piano by Frances Phillips and corned up by the four men.

Barbara Heple gave a monologue entitled, "No Escape," to which the four men also listened.

Gloria Bencich was in charge of the refreshments, consisting of coke and cookies, into which the four men dived with gusto.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. John Murrin gave a Christ-

# EYE SPY

Rose Glasses, Blue Boys, And  
Red P.J.'s . . .

Gonna Join the Rainbow  
Division!

With vacation over, and finals looming in the near future, we still have our memories of the Winter Ball, and the various vacation parties to remember with pleasant thoughts. To the music of a Fort Ord orchestra and under decorations appropriately patriotic, frothy formals and tux (let's not forget the uniforms) floated around the dance floor. Among the many couples there, were DEXTER M. (Does anyone know what the M stands for) WHITCOMB and MAYRE DAVIES—she of the two huge orchids—BETTIE MOORE and GEORGE MOYER, CLYDENE M. and GEORGE ELLIOTT, along with NADINE and MARTIN. THOMAS HOWARD was seen doing a mean rhumba with MARY GOLDEN, while UNCLE TONY and ETTA CLAUSEN stood close by and admired. The grand march was led by WESLEY with his ever-present BUSHNELL. Our own sailor boy, NICK SCERSEN, and an attractive Monterey belle doubled with RUTHIE NIELSEN and her KENNY. More of the fleet was present when MERRIE CASE arrived with TOMMY (does anyone know his last name), and Jaysee's not-so-newly-engaged couple, ANITA VOSTI and DICK MERRILL, honored us with their presence. Better late than never were FITZ and JERRY and SYBILAN and REESE. Of course, LLOYD and BILLIE were there as were HOLLIS BEST and his ever-faithful DOROTHY. DAVID HILL made his entrance with a pretty little Cal coed on his arm. Seen dashing madly around the floor during the evening were NADEAN HICKS and FRED BOWLES and that pair, ALISON and ARMSTRONG. President Lemos and his charming wife were cutting a mean rug along with Mr. and Mrs. Marble and Mr. and Mrs. Robison.

The Williams home in P.G. was the scene of two Paper Doll meetings during the holidays. MARGARET was the hostess to a gala party on Christmas Day . . . and then to another little party New Year's Eve. NADINE SNIDER and MARTIN BLATT (where don't you see those two?) were among the first to arrive, followed by GEORGE ELLIOTT and LLOYD MARKS—minus BILLIE LEE. Old-timer MACKI COLVIN, VERA LEE, MERRIE and sailors, DON and TOMMY, made their appearance. Not to be forgotten were DEX (were told the M stands for WOLF—by one who knows) WHITCOMB, FRANK-MIKE-RALPH (take our pick) GABRIEL, ELMER HAWKINS and the ever-faithful array of army, navy, and marines.

Not to be outdone by the Monterey gang, the Santa Cruzans (where'd we get that) gave two parties of their own. The Gamma High School Dance was well attended by Paper Dolls and Kay Bees alike, with our own MARTIN BLATT holding the spotlight and his delightful orchestra. BUSHNELL and WESLEY (our stedimeter is way up), ZEO and LEFTY . . . and others . . . Of course, SYB and REESE, FITZ and GERALD PATRICK were not to be left out. ELMER "Look-at-That-Build" Hawkins and ELIOPOULOS arrived with ALISON and JEANNE.

The Cocoonut Grove was the spot for the Santa Cruzans (there we go again) New Year's Eve celebration. NADINE and MARTIN, FITZ and JERRY—well, we won't go through all that again—they were all there.

RUTH CRENSHAW has been walking on air the past week. Wonder if that sailor we saw her with the other day has anything to do with it.

While we're on the subject of Ruth—have you seen that picture RUTHIE GOERLING is sporting around? . . . It's signed, "With Love, Buck" . . . or something to that effect. He's a corporal . . . overseas.

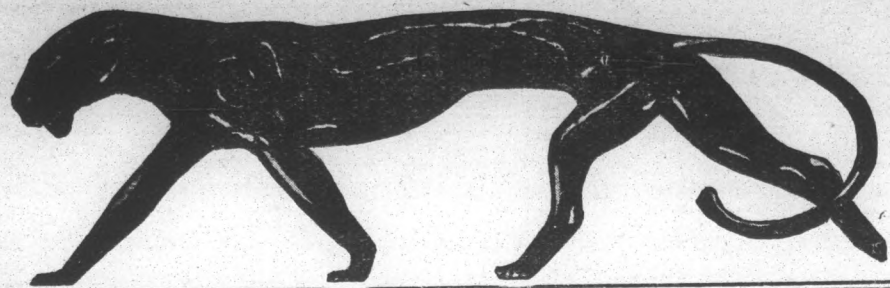
Don't fret, children, it's a good thing that two weeks' vacation comes only once a year. Only 50 more weeks to wait.

mas wish, and Thomas Howard played a few piano numbers. The four men then went home under heavy guard.

The club is planning another

meeting for two weeks following the reconvening of Jaysee, and it is fervently hoped that the four men will return, perhaps bringing a friend or so.





# SPORTS

## GAME

### PANTHERS TAKE GAME FROM SPARTANS

On December 21 the Salinas Junior Basketball team journeyed to the Gonzales High School to play and win its fifth game of the year. Starting Stone and Sanchez at forwards, Mulch at center and Marks and Best as guards, the Panthers started with a fast man-to-man defense and continued with it throughout the entire game. Although the Esjayseers' offense was rather slow in starting it picked up as the game went on and almost every man on the squad managed to hit the bucket and score. Through good ball handling and fair shooting the Panthers came out on the winning side of a 40-to-26 score.

Tony Sanchez was high point man with six points; Stone, Marks, Mulch, Blatt, Hawkins, and Schulz followed, each with four points, and Peck, Richardson, Wesley, and Best wound up the score with two points apiece.

The outstanding play of the game was supplied by Ballie of Gonzales who made almost half of the points for the Gonzales team.

## COURSES...

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mate while attending college stand a good chance of a successful marriage.

Chemistry 8 and 9 is an organic chemistry and has to do with the study of oils, alcohols, starches, sugars, protein, amino acids, and carbohydrates, to mention only a few. There will be three hours a week of lecturing and nine hours of lab each week. Six units will be given for the semester.

Trigonometry is the study of the triangle and follows intermediate algebra. The course is a practical one, widely used in navigation and an aid to prospec-

## Mulch and Stone

### SALINAS JUNIOR COLLEGE LOSES OUTSTANDING MEN TO THE ARMED FORCES

The Esjaysee Basketball Team suffered a great loss to their lineup over the Christmas vacation. Fred Stone and John Mulch, two of the team's outstanding players, have dropped from the S.J.C. student body to enter the armed forces. Both of these boys have been very active in sports, both being on the first string football team and on the first string basketball team.

Fred Stone was probably the outstanding player of the football squad. Playing the fullback position Fred did a wonderful job of passing, blocking, tackling, punting, and ball carrying. Playing as forward on the basketball team, Fred was one of the high scorers in every game.

John Mulch was also a great asset to both the football and basketball teams. Playing left end on the football squad, John, long and rangy, was a great pass receiver and he accounted for many of the long yardage gains by the Panthers. Mulch, playing the center position on the basketball team, was a good ball handler and a good shot. Like Stone, he was one of the high scorers in every game.

The absence of these two fine athletes will be keenly felt by their team mates and by all of S.J.C.

## GAME

### SALINAS PANTHERS DROP ROUGH GAME TO AIR BASE

The S.J.C. Panthers bowed to the 371st Air Base team last Wednesday night, only after a fast and hard-fought game in the junior college gym. The Air Base team, much improved by the addition of a number of new men to their squad, came back to win over the Panthers, with a score of 33 to 17, after being beaten by the Salinas team earlier in the season.

Coach Peavy, after losing Stone and Mulch from the basketball team, started Sanchez and Hawkins as forwards, Peck at center, and Marks and Best in the guard spots. Using a fast man-to-man defense, and playing good basketball, the Panthers carried the game through the first quarter and about half way through

the second. Then the Air Base team started to click and the Panthers' defense faltered so at the end of the first half the Air Base was in the lead.

The second half was just one mad scramble with fouls falling right and left and the Air Base continued to pull ahead until the final whistle.

High-point man for the Panthers again was Lloyd Marks, with eight points to his credit. Sanchez, Best, and Hawkins completed the score with four, three, and two points, respectively.

The Panthers' next game will be with Hollister J.C., and will be played in the Salinas J.C. gym as a preliminary to the Hollister Naval Base-Salinas Air Base game.

## BALL...

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ident, and Barbara Bushnell, and ably directed by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Robinson.

Faculty patrons were Mr. and Mrs. Lemos, Mr. and Mrs. Marble, and Mr. and Mrs. Robinson. Also present as patrons were Superintendent of Schools R. D. Case and Mrs. Case.

Decorations motif for the affair was a large American flag as a ceiling, and an incredible amount of red, white, and blue crepe paper, which was arranged in a forest of streamers forming walls, ceiling, and canopies.

## SCHEDULES...

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Registration for the spring semester begins Monday, January 24.

Finals commence January 13, and all students expecting credit in courses must take them at the time scheduled. All tests are three hours in duration.

During finals week, students will have to report only to those classes in which a final is being given.

ing true, and if this new year of 1944 brings but half of these into actuality, it will indeed be a happy new year.

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wonder. All know what lies ahead for them.

"Happy New Year, Mr. Tojo," grimly mutters a submarine torpedoman, as one of his metal fish swishes away toward an enemy ship.

"Happy New Year, Mr. Hitler," thunders from the iron throat of our equipment fighting on the Russian front.

And in the occupied countries, Happy New Year is alive and vibrant, happiness is surely coming this year.

And in Germany, Italy, and Japan—but there is no need to state the obvious.

"Happy New Year," we say, and in our hearts is an ever-growing assurance that our hopes and prayers and wishes are com-